

REMARKS

Claims 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 14-22 have been added by this Amendment.

Newly presented claims 14-22 have been carefully drafted to be directed to the invention originally claimed, that is, to the access authorization features of the present invention.

Features of the newly presented independent claims 14, 18, and 20 are a storage medium having recorded thereon user's access authorization data and a software program, wherein the storage medium is portable.


New claims 14, 18, and 20, and the claims depending therefrom are submitted to be patentable over the prior art of record because Mullor et al. relates to a method for restricting use of a program downloaded into a computer's volatile memory, unrelated to the claimed portable storage medium, and Asai et al. is merely teaching a method for restricting the use of computer game software to an authorized game machine.

It is respectfully submitted that Mullor et al. and Asai et al., alone or in combination, fail to show or suggest a storage medium having recorded thereon user's access authorization data and a software program, wherein the storage medium is portable.

An early examination on the merits of new claims 14-22 is earnestly solicited.

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